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The Peace Congress.
To-day will be notable in Europe and
America, as well as other parts of the
world, as the date of the opening of the
International peace congress, called by
the czar of Russia. It may begin a new
epoch in the world's history, and it may
not. The delegates will assemble at
The Hague, and how long they will be
in session, what will be accomplished,
and whether or not the main purpose of
the convention will enable the leading
powers to come to any positive agree-
ment, are matters which must develop
in the future.
The meetings will be secret, and, as
members will be pledged to give out no
information regarding the proceedings,
the people of the several nations repre-
sented will be obliged to rely on the
mere speculations of the correspond-
ents, or wait for whatever official in-
formation will be given out. These of-
ficial statements will be doubtless mere-
ly formal, without the entertaining fea-
tures of the conference, as to debates,
details and propositions, which interest
the public when an event of such great
moment is occurring.
While all the leading nations will be
represented at the conference, it is the
general impression that nothing can be
done in the way of a practical carrying
out of the czar's main purpose, disarm-
ament by the European powers, without
united action on the part of the leading
nations. It seems that England, Ger-
many and France, while in accord with
the spirit of the czar's call, which is to
check further increases in armies and
navies in the interests of economy and
the betterment of the conditions of the
people, are not altogether satisfied that
Russia is entirely sincere, suspecting
her of a desire to secure an abstinence
from war preparations all around until
she can get in better shape at home,
and complete her Siberian railway.
Aside from the question of disarm-
ament, is the other problem of arbitra-
tion to be discussed, and in which the
good offices of the United States dele-
gates and those from England may
come into good play. To these two
countries it is more important than the
main proposition of the czar, and their
influences with other nations may bring
about good results. Great Britain and
America will undoubtedly lead in the
attempt to bring about arbitration as
a means for the settlement of inter-
national disputes, thus minimizing the
danger of wars, with all their horrors
and their tremendous costs and disas-
trous possibilities.
That there is an agreement between
the two governments to lead in bringing
about such a result of the peace con-
gress is undoubtedly true. It would
practically solve a practical question, it
so happens that the delegates of the
two countries have instructions to bring
about this splendid result, if possible,
and they have prepared similar plans.
Other questions affecting international
laws in times of war may come up, and
it is said the United States' delegates
will have some suggestions to make.
It is possible that some good results
may come from the peace congress.
Whether the disarmament plan will
amount to anything or not, enough will
be accomplished if the arbitration pro-
gramme goes through. It may be the
entering wedge, the beginning of the
end of all "civilized" war, save it may
be under the most extraordinary circum-
stances, and the good influences may be
world-wide.

A Question of Immortality.
Incidental to the feeling caused by
the ordaining of Dr. Briggs as an Epis-
copal minister, in view of the theories
he holds regarding the authenticity of
certain portions of the Scriptures, an-
other discussion in religious circles is
likely to follow, as a result of a sermon
preached by Dr. Ward, of St. Peter's, in
Pittsburg, on Sunday.
He declared that while the doctrine
of the immortality of the soul is indis-
putable, the meaning of the expression,
"the wages of sin is death," is that the
souls of those who die in wickedness
cease to exist. Nowhere, he says, is it
said that "the wicked shall live fore-
ever." His construction of "everlasting
destruction" is thus worded:
"By a process of degeneration a soul may
become so steeped in sin, so saturated
with wickedness, that the last link in the
chain of correspondence with God may be
broken, and then the personality of that
soul will cease, just as a lamp goes out
when the last drop of oil has been con-
sumed."
Dr. Ward's contention is that man is
not naturally immortal, but possesses
"the germ of capacity which by the
right of freedom becomes immortal." This,
he declares, throws light on the great
problem of evil and makes it a
temporary thing only "until God's will
be done on earth as in Heaven." In
short, his doctrine is that immortality

is a gift to individuals and not to man-
kind as a whole, and that the souls of
the wicked perish with their bodies.
While this doctrine is not a new one
and has been held by many, its advoca-
cy by so distinguished a minister as
Dr. Ward, of the Episcopal church, is
most likely to create a warm contro-
versy, which will recall the occasion of
a similar declaration, though not so ex-
treme, laid down by Henry Ward
Beecher. Christians who are well
grounded in the faith that all souls are
immortal will be quick to resent the
doubt cast by men of high position in
the orthodox pulpit.

A Prospective Tempest.
A movement is on foot in New York
among the Chicago platform Democrats
to organize the city and state to "defy
Tammany," and to send a contesting
delegation to next year's national con-
vention in the interest of Bryan and
the Chicago platform. This means an
agitation that will likely end in a di-
vided Democracy in New York state,
particularly should Bryan be the lead-
ing candidate, and a situation such as
caused the defeat of that party in 1896.
An effect of this nature next year
hinges, of course, entirely on the possi-
bility of the Chicago platform advocates
being sufficiently strong in the national
convention to dictate a reaffirmation of
the exploded fallacies. If such a thing
should occur it would mean again the
loss of New York, for that majority
would undoubtedly recognize the con-
testants against the delegation con-
trolled by Tammany. If Bryan and his
lieutenants should have any influence
at all, that result of the contest would
be inevitable for Bryan and his friends
will not forget the past scores, nor the
recent events and developments of the
prolonged and rather inharmonious dis-
cussion over the Jeffersonian dinners.

This is one way to look at the situa-
tion, in the event of a Bryanite major-
ity in a convention of a badly disorgan-
ized party. On the other hand, the ten-
dency of late has been toward a visible
weakness of the free silver strength,
and it is not a remote possibility that it
will be found considerably broken be-
fore next summer's conventions. Two
years of remarkable prosperity in the
country—the improved conditions of the
Industrial interests, the general resump-
tion of business, an unprecedented
foreign trade, good times for the farm-
ers, and the great and general increase
in wages in manufacturing circles, will
be powerful factors, leaving the Chicago
platform advocates void of the argu-
ments they used after more than three
years of Democratic depression, which
they attributed to the "gold standard."
History has disproven every argu-
ment and every prophecy, and the In-
telligencer of the country has not been
slow to appreciate it. The interest in
the New York situation is not so much
centered, therefore, in the probability
of the Bryanites being able to unseat
the delegation of the "regular Demo-
cracy," as it involves the harmony of
the party in that state, so essential a
factor in Democratic national prospects.
With two contending factions failing to
agree on which is the "paramount" is-
sue, "anti-imperialism"—a question
which will be settled before the cam-
paign—or "anti-prosperity," with "anti-
sound money," the Democracy of New
York, and some other states, will be in
an unhappy state of mind next year,
judging from the outlook as it appears
at present.

An "Exclusive" Fake.
By reference to an interview with Mr.
James P. Maxwell, a leading member of
the city council, published elsewhere,
the Wheeling public will ascertain how
it transpires that the Register has been
made the victim of a huge joke in the
matter of its repeated "exclusive" story
about a conference between "high Bal-
timore & Ohio officials and councilmen
and others as a preliminary to proposed
improvements in Wheeling and vicini-
ty." In yesterday's editorial the Reg-
ister announced that the conference
was to be held that day, but it wasn't
sure that it would occur in Wheeling
"or at some point on the line of the
road." This was to be the "second con-
ference."

Councilman Maxwell lays bare the
whole joke, and our contemporary will
have the sympathy of the entire com-
munity for the manner in which it has
been victimized, not only in being made
to suppose the conference surrounded
by so much mystery is to be a real con-
ference for such a purpose, but that it
was led to remark that the Intelligencer,
in discrediting its story, was "jealous
of the Register's enterprise." The
Register should have known that a
great corporation like the Baltimore &
Ohio company does not go out in the
jungle, or into secret conferences with
members of city councils to discuss
matters of this sort, and that the high
officials and two or three gentlemen of
Wheeling who arrange for a fishing trip
together are not doing so to confirm a
dizzy newspaper fake, particularly in
the face of President Cowan's direct
denial of the Register's story. More-
over, the high officials mentioned are
not the ones who are arranging for
bridges and viaducts across the island.
They are simply old personal friends of
the gentlemen they invite on the fishing
trip. Also they are not fishing for
such easy game as the Register.

Governor Stone, of Pennsylvania, in
order to cut down expenses, has trim-
med down the appropriation bill passed
by the late session of the legislature.
The desire of the governor is all right,
but the Pennsylvania papers are ex-
cepting most emphatically to his mak-
ing the appropriations "for public
school the object of his trimming pro-
cess, having cut off a million dollars
from these appropriations, and reducing
one-half the amount allowed the state
normal schools. The Dispatch makes
the point that the governor had ad-

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vised a cutting down of these appro-
priations in his message, but the legis-
lators, instead, tried to increase the re-
venues by increasing the tax on beer
and certain corporate interests, and
were defeated by the Governor's friends.

The rumor which prevailed all over
the country Sunday evening to the ef-
fect that ex-President Cleveland had
suddenly died at Middle Bass Island in
Lake Erie, where he has been on a
fishing excursion, and which late at
night proved conclusively to be without
any foundation, was evidently the work
of a mischievous sensationalist. The
guilty person, who thus brought anxiety
to the ex-President's friends every-
where, and to his family at Princeton,
New Jersey, deserves to be run down
and exposed. If he is a newspaper
man, he deserves the contempt of the
profession.

When the Filipino Junta located at
Paris quits lying to the European public
about the situation in the Philippines,
it will be when history chronicles that
all its falsehoods and prophecies are
manufactured for a vain purpose. Its
latest statement that Dewey isn't com-
ing home on account of his health, but
because he has had a quarrel with Gen-
eral Otis, caps the climax of them all.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.
Troubles and babies grow larger by
nursing them.
Artistic is often a synonym for use-
less and expensive.
Laziness travels so slow that poverty
soon overtakes it.
As love grows older it becomes less
hopeful and more selfish.
The Indians never use smokeless pow-
der in their pipes of peace.
Contact with a sharp man is very apt
to dull one's confidence in humanity.
The servant girl problem has much to
do with the hire education of women.
A grain of theoretical wisdom may
turn out to be a pound of practical folly.
A sensible girl has no more use for a
fresh young man than for one that is
stale.
On life's highway everybody is not
only willing but anxious to take the rich
man's dust.
There is something wrong somewhere
when the night lull falls to yield to a
buttock at 2 a. m.
It might be well while correcting your
disobedient offspring to remember that
you did not die young.
If a young man is unable to win a
girl's affections any other way, he
should bribe her parents to oppose the
match.
There are numerous women inventors,
but not one of them has ever been able
to invent a bride that would curb the
feminine tongue.—Chicago Daily News.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.
Away, virtue is cheaper than sin.
Let us eat, drink and be married, for
tomorrow we die.
We are never really happiest when we
know how happy we are.
A man has a thing to think with; a
woman only has something that she
wonders why.
The weak-minded husband either
thinks his wife suspects him, or that
she suspects he suspects her.
No man who thinks enough about it
will get married before he has thought
too much about it to want to.
A woman's idea of studying a man's
character is to hint around to try and
find out if he has ever been in love.
Nearly every bachelor knows a wo-
man who he is sorry is married, and
most of the time her husband is, too.
No matter how much a man loves a
woman with several children, it sort of
seems ridiculous to think of marrying her.
When a man exchanges traveling
bags with a woman by mistake he
doesn't know whether to take it home
and tell the truth or hide it in his office
and let the office boy discover a fresh
scandal.—New York Press.

The Song of the Pines.
We are the masts of ships,
Nurtured for centuries;
Storm-wind and mountain-breeze
Taught us our birthright;
Kissed us with mother lips.
See how the tender and stern
Heavens have sudden us rise,
Crying, "Behold the eyes
Or stars in the faithful skies—
Lift up your heads and learn!"
Hear how the sun dote laugh,
"Climb ye, thus, sons of mine?
Seek ye for things divine?
Ye are the sunlight wine—
Take of my warmth and quaff."

Cometh our bard, the Wind,
Bringing us sons, and saith:
"Nay, this is naught but breath,
Striving and love and death,
These I left, far behind!"
"Gardens that feared my blast;
Everywhere, men below;
Darker and toil and we,
Wonders ye may not know,
All of these I saw and passed."

"Nay, but new melody
Bring I to greet your ears.
Ye, without doubts or fears,
Not all in vain are the years;
Lo, I behold the Sea!"
Long hath it called to us
Here on our mountain-side,
Patient we wait, we bide,
Drawing of waves and tide
Do they not murmur thus?
Masts of the ships to be—

This is the trust we keep,
Hearing the unseen deep;
And we answer it in our sleep,
We shall behold the Sea!
—Youth's Companion.

A Monstrous Prospect.
If people never had complaints,
If no man ever frowned;
If no one ever had a grief,
If no one ever suffered for
Some other person's sins,
How sick we'd get, a people and
Their "idiotic grin."
—Chicago News.

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Great deeds make great men; after
which everything they do is interest-
ing.—Puck.

Mrs. Grottox—Mabel, dear, are you
sure Mr. Woodby loves you for yourself
alone? Mabel—Yes, I'm sure he does,
mamma. He is always so restless when
you are in the room.—Tit-Bits.

"You have been very good this morn-
ing, Willie," said the fond mamma.
"Now, what reward would you like?"
"I would like to be allowed to be
naughty all the afternoon."—Chicago
Evening Post.

Mamma—Johnny, what did you mean
by saying "No" when I asked you if you
went bathing, when you knew you were
telling a wrong story? Johnny—Didn't
you tell me the other day to be a man
and learn to say "no"?—Boston Tran-
script.

A Happy Soubrette.—The Comedian
—The soubrette seems unusually happy
to-night. What is the matter? The
Villain—She has just received a tele-
gram saying that her grandpapa has
made a hit in Chicago as Rip Van Win-
kle.—Haper's Bazar.

The woman was furious. "Do I hate
her?" she shrieked. "Do I hate her? At
this moment I feel as if I could pass her
house without looking into her front
window to see if she had any new
things in her parlor!" Anger with a
woman is terrible.—Detroit Journal.

Diagnosing Her Case.—He—If I were
rich, darling, would you love me more
than you do? She—I might not love you
any more, Henry, but I know I would
look forward to our wedding day with a
degree of impatience that never seems
to possess me at present.—Chicago
News.

"I want to tell you, my dear breth-
ren," said Deacon Johnsting to his flock
at prayer-meeting, "dat in dese days
of chainless bikes, hossless kerridges,
an' sich, dat what we need fo' the
glorification of de cullid folkses an'
chickenless coops, razzleries pahbles,
melonless patches, and crapless games,
Does yo' follow me?"—Harper's Bazar.

In the Carpenter Shop.
The carpenter had put down his tools
and gone for his luncheon.
"Life with me is a perfect bore," said
the auger.
"I'm a little board myself," said the
Small Plank.

"There's no art in this country," ob-
served the Screw-Driver. "Everything's
screwed in my eyes."
"You don't stick at anything long
enough to know what you're driving at,"
interjected the Glue.

"That's just it," said the Screw. "He
never goes beneath the surface the way
the Jack-Plane and I do."
"Tut!" cried the Saw. "I go through
things just as much as you do. Life's
stuffed with sawdust."
"Regular grind," said the Grindstone.
"I agree with you," observed the
Bench. "It doesn't make any difference
how well I do my work, I'm always sat
on."

"Let's strike," said the Hammer.
"That's it," cried the Auger. "You hit
the nail on the head that time."
"I'll hit it again," retorted the Ham-
mer; and he kept his word, but he hit
the wrong nail. That is why the car-
penter now wears his thumb in a band-
age. It was his thumb-nail the Ham-
mer struck.—Harper's Bazar.

A Young Financier.
Chicago Post: "What makes you
naughty so much of the time, Willie?"
said the indulgent father.
"Why, you see, mamma gives me a
penny every time I promise to be good,"
replied the youngster, "and she never
asks me to promise to be good until I
have been naughty."

A Diplomatic Boy.
"Johnnie," said the father, sternly,
"your school teacher writes me that
you do not behave yourself."
"Yasser," replied the boy. "She says
I'm as bad as you were, pop."

Whereupon the parent went upstairs
to enjoy the laugh over old times alone.
—Philadelphia North American.

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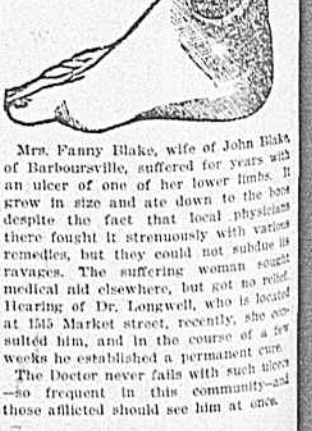
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